

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SG18-08-3

Town Transportation Resolution

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads, as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and,

WHEREAS, towns across Wisconsin have been highlighting unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including events such as the historic "Turnout for Transportation" in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and,

WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for local roads in the last State budget was helpful, many towns still aren't back to 2011 levels when budgets are adjusted for inflation; and,

WHEREAS, local governments continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's *and* our local and state roads; and,

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and,

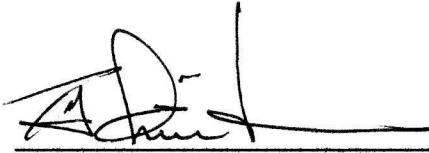
WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Germain recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin, and that both local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of St. Germain urges the Governor and Legislature to adopt a long term, sustainable solution that includes a responsible level of

bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, the Town Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Adopted this 13th day of August 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Christensen', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Christensen, Town Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Martens', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Martens, Town Clerk